



## *Commanding Officer*

Captain Andrew Brown III is a native of San Diego, Calif. He graduated from San Diego State University with a degree in physical geography in 1982. In 1995 he received a master of science degree in oceanography and meteorology from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. He was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy in 1983 and has served in a variety of sea-going and shore-based billets.

At sea, Captain Brown served on board USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) from 1986 to 1989. He qualified as a surface warfare officer while serving as the oceanographer and deployed to the western Pacific. From 1995 to 1997, he served as officer in charge, Mobile Environmental Team, Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Facility, San Diego, Calif., where he deployed with Commander, Destroyer Squadron 50 in the Arabian Gulf.

From 1997 to 1999, he served as Oceanographer on the staff of Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group Three, deploying onboard USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72) to the western Pacific and Arabian Gulf in 1998.

Ashore, Captain Brown was assigned to the Naval Western Oceanography Center, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, from 1983 to 1986, where he qualified for and served in a number of operational positions. From 1989 to 1992, he served as officer in charge of the Naval Oceanography Command Detachment, Whidbey Island, Wash., with additional duty to the staff of Commander, Medium Attack, Tactical Electronic Warfare Wing, Pacific.

From 1999 to 2002, he served as the military deputy, Meteorology and Oceanography Systems Program Office at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego, Calif. From June 2002 to August 2004, Captain Brown commanded the Naval European Meteorology and Oceanography Facility, Naples, Italy, with additional duty to Commander, Fleet Air Mediterranean and Commander, Submarine Group Eight. From September 2004 to July 2005, he served as the executive officer of the Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO). He assumed command of NAVOCEANO in August 2005.

Captain Brown's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy Achievement Medal (three awards) and various unit and campaign awards.



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